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1. IN AN EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEECH AT THE THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF THE CONFEDERATION OF PHILIPPINE EXPORTERS (COPE) AT THE HILTON ON APRIL 24, PRESIDENT MARCOS PLEDGED THE GOP'S FULL SUPPORT FOR THE EXPORT DRIVE BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND SAID HE FOUND IT "QUEER" AND "STRANGE" THAT SOME OF THE PHILIPPINES' PARTNERS IN ASEAN ARE NOT SERIOUSLY HELPING ATTAIN REGIONAL COOPERATION IN TRADE.

2. SPECIFICALLY, PRESIDENT MARCOS CRITICIZED INDONESIA FOR NOT BUYING SUGAR FROM THE PHILIPPINES WHILE IMPORTING IT FROM OTHER COUNTRIES. HE ALSO ADDED THAT "TO A CERTAIN EXTENT" MALAYSIA WAS NOT BUYING PHILIPPINE SUGAR.

3. THE BODY OF THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH WAS A STRAIGHTFORWARD PRESENTATION OF THE ECONOMY, BASICALLY HOW THE GOP OVERCAME INFLATION AND RECESSION TO "MASTER ITS

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BALANCE OF PAYMENTS PROBLEMS." MARCOS REITERATED THAT

GOP EXPORT POLICY IS BASED ON PROMOTION.. \$8;34 8*8:-589,,
AND EXPANSION. THE PRESIDENT ALSO MENTIONED THAT HE
WOULD BE GOING TO NAIROBI IN MAY FOR THE UNCTAD
CONFERENCE.

4. ALL DAILIES REPORTED THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH ON THE
FRONT PAGE IN THEIR APRIL 24 ISSUE. ONLY THE BULLETIN
TODAY CARRIED THE PRESIDENT'S CRITICISM OF INDONESIA AND
MALAYSIA, WHICH IT DID IN A SEPARATE STORY DEVOTED TO
THAT SUBJECT ON THE LEAD PAGE OF THE BUSINESS SECTION.

5. PRIOR TO THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH THE MASTER OF
CEREMONIES, IN INTRODUCING PROMINENT GUESTS, PAID FULSOME
PRAISE TO MARCOS AS THE "NO. 1 EXPORTER OF THE COUNTRY",
AND CALLED ATTENTION TO THE SUGAR AGREEMENTS SIGNED WITH
SUCREST AND GREAT WESTERN. THE PRESIDENT
RESPONDED ONLY PERFUNCTORILY TO THIS PRAISE AND THEN
BROACHED HIS CRITICISM OF THE TWO ASEAN COUNTRIES.
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